

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION



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Town of Denton Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report
October 27, 2021
Town of Denton
PER – Administrative Action
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Fergus County

PURPOSE AND NEED

In early 2021, the Town noticed four significant tears in the synthetic lagoon liner at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The extent of the tears is currently unknown. The tears are currently leaking an unknown volume of wastewater that has not received full treatment into the soil and groundwater below the lagoons. The emergency repair of these tears would prevent leakage from the lagoon liners eliminating contamination of soils and groundwater. Replacing the current liner will also help ensure that there is minimal leakage in the future. The current WWTF has consistently experienced issues with meeting percent removal requirements for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and E. coli. Upgrading the WWTF will ensure that the WWTF meets the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and EPA percent removal requirements for all contaminants. An effluent that can meet the percent removal requirements minimizes impact on local surface waters, groundwater, soils, and fish and wildlife habitat.

The PER update is scheduled for completion during Spring/Summer 2022.

Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action:
DNRC approved the grant to provide funding for the Town of Denton.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

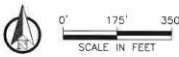
ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)

- ✓ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.
- ☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.
- ☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.
- ☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.
- ☐ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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